(b) the quantum of foodgrains and the funds provided by the Government under this scheme; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to implement this scheme in all districts, if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) A new poverty alleviation programme, National Food for Work Programme (NFFWP) has been launched from the month of November 2004 in 150 most backward Districts of the country to generate additional supplementary wage employment with food security. All the 27 States except Goa have been covered under the programme. The performance reports from the States are expected by next months.

(b) For the current year 2004-05, an amount of Rs. 2020 crore as cash component and 20 lakh tonnes of foodgrains have been allocated Against the allocation, an amount of Rs. 1951.66 crore has been released as initial instalment of the Cash Component besides entire allocated quantity of 20 lakh tonnes of foodgrains to all the selected districts.

(c) The programme is an interim measure before the launch of Employment Guarantee. 150 most backward districts have been identified and the programme has already been launched in these districts. There is no proposal for coverage of additional districts at this stage.

Proposal for development of rural areas in Madhya Pradesh

†1674. SHRI LAXMINARAYAN SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of proposals sent by the Government of Madhya Pradesh to the Government under the Central scheme regarding rural regions;

(b) the action being taken by Government on the proposals; and

(c) by when the approval would be accorded to these proposals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): (a) to (c)The projects are sanctioned under various Rural Development Programmes namely, Swaranjayanti Gram Swarozgar Yojana (SGSY), Drought Prone Areas Programme (DPAP), Desert Development Programme (DDP), Integrated Wastelands Development Programme (IWDP), Swajaldhara and Total

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Sanitation Campaign (TSC) of the Ministry of Rural Development. The proposals received/approved during 2004-05 under different schemes for Madhya Pradesh State are as follows:

Sl. No.	Schemes	Proposals	
		Received	Approved
1.	Integrated Wastelands Development Programme(IWDP)	14	14
2.	Drought Prone Areas Programme(DPAP)	269	269
3.	Special Projects under Swarnajayanti Gram SwarojgarYojana (SGSY)	13	Nil

Construction of roads in rural areas in Gujarat with the help of NABARD

†1675. SHRIMATI SAVITA SHARDA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of roads in the rural areas of Gujarat being constructed with the help of NABARD';

(b) the number of metalled roads proposed to be constructed with the funds from 'NABARD'; and

(c) the amount likely to be spent for the said work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTAPATIL): (a) As reported by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD), 2855 rural roads/rural bridges at a cost of Rs. 62347.36 lakhs have been taken up for construction with their assistance in Gujarat.

(b) and (c) No proposal for 2004-05 has been received by National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) from Government of Gujarat for assistance for construction of rural roads.

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